

## LEGISLATURE MEETS TODAY AND RATIFIES CAUCUS NOMINATIONS.

John F. Cox Who Steam Rolled Frank McClain in Caucus Assumes the Speakership Amidst Enthusiasm.

### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE READ.

McClain Climbs on Band Wagon and Will Be "Regular" During Session. Placated by Promise of Fat Committee Assignments, It is Said.

United Press Telegram.  
HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—The biennial session of the State Legislature was opened today shortly after noon, nearly all the members of both Houses being present. The organization of the House, which was called to order at 12:12 o'clock by Chief Clerk Garvin, attracted wide attention, the aisles and galleries being crowded. The House display was profuse, 40 desks containing tributes most of them from Philadelphia clubs to the Quaker City members.

The spectators included many State officials, former members and prominent men, among them Mayor Reynolds of Philadelphia. The Rev. William A. Houck, Chaplain of the last House, offered prayer, and then Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth Beller presented the returns of the election of members. The reading of the figures was a long and tiresome test.

The House organized by the election of John F. Cox immediately after the members were sworn in. After preliminary business the Governor's message was read and adjournment taken until the 10th, which will allow members to vote at municipal elections before coming here.

Lieutenant Governor Robert S. Murphy presided over the formalities incident to the organization of the Senate. After a prayer by Chaplain Stewart, the election returns from the various Senatorial districts were read and then the newly elected Senators were called to the platform. The oath of office was administered by President Judge George Kunkel of the Dauphin county court.

The name of A. B. Slison of Erie, the Republican candidate for President pro tem, was presented by Senator Shroul of Delaware. Edward F. Biewitt, the Democratic candidate, was nominated by Senator Dowell of Lehigh. Senator Slison was elected by a straight party vote of 38 to 10.

A hurray program will be carried out by John F. Cox in the Legislature as far as possible, and while fair consideration will be given to every bill, Local Option included, efforts will be made to avoid any clashes due to the feeling over the contest for the Speakership. Ex-Speaker Frank B. McClain will be regular and will not go off the reservation.

He will be placated with some nice committee places, such as his experience and ability merit, but the story that he is to be made floor leader is declared to be baseless. That position will be held by Daniel J. Shuman of Philadelphia, who shared honors with McClain in 1905. McClain is understood to have lost some of the ardor and his indignation against Dunmore and the men whom he styled "deserters" last night has mellowed over night, if indeed, it lasted much after Representative Felt's raking of the men who turned in for Cox giving at least moral support to McClain.

## TO GIVE OPINION IN SMITH ESTATE.

Judge Work Serves Notice That He Will Hand Down Decision on February 8 in Famous Dispute.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 5.—Judge Work has made an order fixing February 8, at 10 A. M., as the date for the hearing to determine the exact proceedings in the Berthanna R. Smith estate of Connelville. This date was fixed upon application by H. M. Kephart, the executor. Personal notice will be given A. A. Straub and B. T. Sherrick, lessors of the Smith House, Connelville, which forms the bulk of the estate.

The estate is valued at \$30,000 real and \$1,100 personal. It is said that there is a large amount of back rent due from the lessees because until recently there has been a question whether Kephart's position as executor was valid.

Will Remedy Petition.  
Borough Engineer J. B. Hogg stated this morning that the omission of the affidavit in the East Park annexation petition was an oversight which will be remedied tonight.

Large Amount Paid.  
The Bethlehem Steel Company on Saturday paid its semi-monthly wages to its employees \$165,000.



JOHN F. COX.

## MORE QUAKE DISTURB ITALY.

Rescuers and Refugees Both Frightened by New Disturbances.

### WALLS ARE TUMBLING DOWN.

Wrecks of Buildings Left Standing From First Great Shock Menace to Lives of Rescuers—Roller Measures Being Carried Out.

United Press Telegram.  
CANTANIA, Jan. 5.—Message from Messina today tells of additional horrors caused by the earthquake shocks. One severe shock has been followed by four lesser shocks shaking down the crumbling walls of the ruined city and fanning the smoldering debris to flames.

Refugees and rescuers alike were thrown into a panic. New shocks have caused hundreds of additional deaths. The British flagship Exmouth, was caught in a sudden current that came with the earthquake and was swept two miles out to sea before it was put under control. Dozens of buildings are still falling. Relief work is now well organized and is proceeding with dispatch.

## JOHN S. LANGLEY IS PRESIDENT.

After Many Hours Conference the New Commissioners Elect an Organization.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 5.—The County Commissioners, after a long session yesterday, finally organized their board but not until after a warm contest. John S. Langley, the Republican Commissioner from Monaca township, was elected President of the board while Emma H. McClelland, the minority member from Georgian township, was named secretary. The other selections made yesterday were as follows:

Chief Clerk, Robert Powell of Uniontown; Second Clerk, Harry Strickler of Vanderhill; Third Clerk, Mrs. Emma B. Mahoney of Uniontown; Fourth Clerk, M. Walter Byers of Perryopolis; Jail Physician, Dr. A. C. Hagan of Uniontown; Superintendent of Court House, James Collins of North Union; Janitor of Court House, Ephraim Catlin of Uniontown; Engineer, William J. Beggs of Uniontown.

All of these are Republicans except Strickler and Byers. No county solicitor was chosen yesterday nor was the second engineer named. These selections were made only after a warm contest. Commissioner W. S. Blaney was left out in the cold, his nominations failing in each instance. As those familiar with the situation respected Commissioners Langley and McClelland dominated the situation.

Some Drinking and Smoking.  
During 1908 there were 450,000 barrels of beer brewed in Reading and 170,000,000 cigars were manufactured.

### BOY MISSING.

Police Searching for Lad Who Disappeared From Fairhance.  
The police are looking for Clyde Benson, aged 15, who is missing from his Fairhance home and is believed to have run away. Benson's father was here this morning searching for the lad who he said to have started for Connelville last night, walking the distance from Uniontown.

Mr. Benson says the lad is making his way South. He is a good sign painter and could easily make a living for himself. When last seen he wore corduroy pants and a felt hat, and had some clothes tied up in a bundle.

A companion started off with him but got tired of the trip and went back to Uniontown. Mr. Benson notified the Baltimore, Ohio, officials to have their conductors and trainmen keep an eye out for the lad.

## FOUR YEARS TO PRISON FOR FAST.

Nicholson Township's Frenzied Financier is Sentenced Today.

### FAMILY TREE IS BLEMISHED.

First Time Since Courts Were Established That a Fast Man Appeared Before Criminal Bar—Light Sentence For Foreigners.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 5.—For the first time since the Fayette county courts were established a Fast this morning stood before the bar for sentence on a criminal indictment. It was Francis M. Fast, bowed beneath the weight of 60 years, who entered pleas of guilty to forging notes aggregating \$20,000. Fast at no time denied his guilt, nor did he ever attempt to mitigate the nature of the crime he was charged with. According to the argument of the prosecution his criminal record in that criminal intent.

The court, stated that it had considered these matters carefully, and handed down a sentence of four years to the penitentiary. No accounting of the money Fast received could ever be made. The purchase of two traction engines and some gold mining stock was traced, but nothing that suggested anything near the total he is said to have received.

Frank Borgi and Giuseppe Zappia, convicted of second degree murder for the killing of Sarah works in a race riot at Sarah works, were given the lightest sentences ever handed down for this offense. In explaining his leniency, the court said that the man who did the killing made his escape and the others were not greatly at fault. Borgi goes to Huntingdon while Zappia will spend three years in the penitentiary.

H. P. Trump of Connelville, convicted of receiving stolen goods in the brass cases from that town, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution only.

Arguments were made this morning for an arrest of judgment in the cases of William Reay, convicted of embezzlement, and William Worman, convicted of extortion.

W. H. Johns, principal of the Mass. township schools, was named Burgess of that place to succeed L. A. Kall, who resigned. This is the third Burgess Massontown has had since the last election.

Counsel for Clifford England argued against the order directing the payment of \$80 a month alimony to Gertrude England. It was said that England only made \$75 a month but the divorced wife claims he has considerable property.

An order of court was handed down in the case of A. B. Dosselle against the Percy Mining Company and Geo. C. Marshall directing the defendant to submit his accounts within 15 days, otherwise a referee will be appointed.

J. C. Yon of Pittsburgh and J. C. Grooms, night watch agent for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, filed bonds in court today to effect that contracts have been let for the construction of a branch line six miles long from Rush Run to the new Sarah works of the H. C. Erick Coke Company.

A large crowd was present this morning at the session of court.

LOSERS ALL RELATIVES.  
Michael Gail, Trotter, Italian, Loses Practically All His Relatives.

As the result of the great disaster in Italy Michael Gail, a well known Italian of Trotter, is mourning the loss of practically all his relatives. His mother and father, several brothers and sisters, all lost their lives in the disaster. Gail is in the employ of the H. C. Erick Coke Company at Trotter and is highly thought of by his fellow workmen. He has been in this country for a number of years.

## COAL BILLS TOO HIGH IS CHARGED.

Secretary B. T. Thomas of School Board Finds Errors in Accounts.

### INSURANCE IS DISCUSSED.

There is None Covering Contents of Third Ward Building—Foundation of Second Ward School is Firm as Rock Says Contractor.

With the exception of the discovery of errors in the monthly coal bills and the accurate tabulation of insurance policies, the regular monthly meeting of the School Board was monotonous. Secretary Bert J. Thomas held the boards' throughout the evening and covered the field thoroughly while the other Directors listened when it pleased them or held private conferences among themselves. At times acting chairman J. A. Armstrong had a hard time concentrating their attention on the business at hand.

Secretary Thomas said he had detected a difference in two of the monthly coal bills submitted by A. R. Stillwagon. There was no intimation that these were more than clerical errors although the difference on each occasion was in favor of the dealer. In one bill there was a difference of 100 bushels and the other 121 bushels.

Secretary Thomas told the Board that in the past he had detected other differences but that they were never more than clerical blunders. The bill was paid according to the estimate of the Secretary.

For the first time in many years the School Board has been furnished with a definite and comprehensive report on the insurance carried on the buildings, furniture and boilers of the district. This was compiled and submitted by Secretary Thomas. In all there is \$27,900 insurance distributed as follows:

High School, \$12,000; on building, \$2,000; on furniture, \$1,000; on boiler, \$1,000; on building, \$1,000; on furniture, \$1,000; on boiler, \$1,000; on building, \$1,000; on furniture, \$1,000; on boiler, \$1,000.

This insurance is proportioned among the following agents: J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000; J. D. Donald, \$12,000.

There is no insurance on the boiler in the High School building so far as can be learned although it is inspected regularly by the company. Efforts are being made to find why this is the case. None of the local agents has the policy although one apparently existed at one time.

The Board expressed its confidence that the foundation of the Second Ward building is firm as a rock. Contractor L. T. Hixman reported that he had dug 20 feet and tested four feet below this. A small quantity of water was found but no more.

Back, but there was no coal. The opening will not be filled for several days and any citizen of the ward who remains skeptical can examine the test hole if they so desire. The pit is fenced around so there is no danger of any children falling in.

Three dozen common kitchen chairs were ordered for the various rooms. It having been reported that there was not enough in the schools to accommodate visitors.

County Superintendent Lawell has named February 12, the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, as a holiday day in the schools and as it comes on Friday, special exercises will be held in all the rooms.

The Board also went on record as approving any movement for a public meeting that evening in commemoration of the event. Steps along this line will be taken later.

Director Rose reported that because of the accident to Harry Davis, one of his employees, he was unable to visit the schools during the month but Directors O'Connor, Armstrong and Thomas came to the rescue with a report that the schools were visited during December, as required by law.

The supply committee will purchase a barrel for waste paper for the High School and Fourth Ward buildings and this trash will be carried off. The unsightly furnace in the rear of the grounds will be torn down. Director O'Connor was the prime mover in this steps toward civic beauty.

The teachers and directors were paid for their time at the County Institute and Directors Association. Out of 46 teachers, 43 attended the sessions, only three of the 43 failing to enroll at each session. J. V. Dilligan, A. B. Morton and Miss Harris failed to attend the Institute. Mr. Morton was present one day but did not enroll. Miss Harris spent the week visiting the primary grades at Westmoreland.

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### JUST A QUORUM

Present at New Haven School Board Meeting and Business Transacted. There was just a quorum present at the regular meeting of the New Haven School Board last evening. The members present were Henry Rhodes, C. A. Balsey, Joseph Metzger and A. G. Fawcett. Prof. H. Goo. May at the request of Rev. C. M. Watson was instructed to take up a collection for the Italy relief fund.

The following bills were ordered paid: Connelville Water Company, for water rent, \$12.50; Britt & Scarry for plumbing work, \$3.99; Cooper Patterson, for repair work, \$3.78; J. D. Parkhill, for repair work, \$3.70; Cypher & Son, for labor, \$3.20; total, \$28.97.

## FIRE DESTROYS MARIETTA HOME.

Three Topping Chimneys and Burning Embers Great Family's Return.

### BUT LITTLE WAS SAVED.

Lack of Water Supply Prevents Firemen From Checking Flames Which Had Gained Great Headway When Discovered—Was Partially Insured.

Only three topping chimneys and a pile of burning embers remained of their pretty home east of town to greet the return of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Marietta from following last evening. The house was totally destroyed and only a few pieces of furniture, and a brick brace were saved from the flames. These were all on the first floor as the upper story was a mass of flames when the first volunteer fire fighters arrived. The loss is partially covered by insurance but much of the contents of the home cannot be replaced by money.

Shortly before four o'clock yesterday afternoon a colored man employed about the place noticed fire and smoke issuing from the upper portion of the building. He immediately summoned help and the fire department was notified by telephone. The absence of an available water supply made it impossible to check the flames. There was a light south wind which fanned the flames and in the course of a few moments the entire building was ablaze.

A party of West Penn linemen, who were passing in a work car, saw the flames and immediately rushed to the scene. In the party were F. A. Buttermore, W. H. Martin, Clarence Shrum, Harry Ford and several others, nearly all of whom are members of the New Haven fire department.

The front door was broken open and efforts made to save all the furniture. Only a portion of it was gotten out before the flames gained such headway that the men were forced to desert in their efforts to save the property and stand helplessly by to see the building go up in smoke.

The piano was taken out and likewise a china closet. The last was brought forth intact but many of the expensive dishes were broken. The Christmas tree, still decked in holiday attire, was saved and stood before the burning pile. A crate of safety razors were in a place of refuge. The happiness that once prevailed about the desolate scene.

When the Connelville fire wagon reached the scene and Driver Arch Holliday made a splendid run, the fire was beyond control and efforts were centered upon saving adjoining property. Fortunately the wind was not high or else the barn would have fallen on a prey to the flames.

A large crowd gathered and there were many volunteers who aided in placing the small amount of furniture saved from the burning in a place of safety. There were instances of pity and sympathy, too, but not to a marked degree. A few trinkets from the Christmas tree were pilfered while for a time it looked as though the pet squirrel would be released. A number of youngsters were possessed of a fear that the squirrels might be scorched and took them to a place of safety but not until there had been

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### MISSED THE CHICKENS.

Chicken Thieves Scared Away From Dr. M. H. Kohler's Home.

Midnight marauders paid a visit to the chicken coop of Dr. M. H. Kohler at South Connelville last night but were frightened off before getting any spoils.

Dr. Kohler heard his geese cackling at a great rate and immediately investigated. It is believed the noise of raising a squeaky window scared the men off.

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## NEW HAVEN COUNCIL DELIBERATES OVER TRANSFERRING OF FUNDS.

Councilman Patterson Objects to Transferring Paving Fund Even If it is for the Purpose of Straightening Accounts.



THE FUNDS ARE TRANSFERRED.  
New Haven National Bank Resigns as Treasurer and James C. Long is Elected—Some Interesting Side Lights Upon the Bond Issue.

The same old question of transferring accounts from one fund to help out another, or "robbing Peter to pay Paul," was the subject of an exhaustive, pointed and deliberative discussion at the monthly meeting of the Town Council of New Haven last night. For the first time in many months the angry body was abashed, broke out, over and above the hot bills that have harassed them, and the bill collectors were not present as a result of the \$12,000 bond issue made on December 22. Not a person said a word about a certificate of indebtedness and there was an air of freedom for a long time among these Councilmen.

But the General fund has been one of the bugaboes of the administration. It always been in the hole, and every time that payments have been made out of the treasury the paving fund and the sewer fund have been called upon, until the figures show that the General fund is always exhausted and that there is a small balance in the treasury. The balance has been kept up by the sewer and paving funds. While there is money coming into the sewer fund all liabilities chargeable to this fund have been charged. There is more coming into the paving fund than is needed. The Council first decided to abolish the sewer fund and there was no objection to this, but when it came to transferring the funds from the paving to the General fund to square up accounts, Cooper Patterson raised a series of objections and kept it up until late hours of the night. When he voted decisively.

The paving fund is just a little bit different from the sewer fund. There are outstanding bonds against it, but the tax levied for it is just double what is necessary to lift the bonds and there are none due until 1910. The money that has been paid into the General fund from the paving fund are not needed and the incoming tax is greater than will be required to lift the next bond that is due. Mr. Patterson contended that the money could not be transferred to the General fund, and that it was a violation of the provision of the bond laws.

The other councilmen contended that it was a continuous violation to keep up taking the money from the fund to pay general expenses and argued that it was hard to make a crooked stick straight, but that it was an opportune time to straighten out accounts and get the matter in better shape.

All this financial argument was brought about by the resignation of the New Haven National bank as treasurer and the selection of James C. Long as its successor. Mr. Long was elected with a balance in the treasury of \$106.21, but the account showed that there was a balance of \$2,778.42 in the sewer fund and \$1,237.42 in the paving fund. With the over drafts on the General fund that have been made he had but one hundred dollars and 91 cents over the sum total of all the money to the credit of the borough. In order to straighten out the whole affair it was thought best to wipe it all from the sheet and start over, preserving only a General Fund and the Paving Fund, and establish only a Sink Fund, and it became necessary to do so at the beginning of the collection of taxes to take care of the bond issue. It was finally decided to do this, all voting in favor of clearing up the record except Mr. Patterson who voted against it.

The reading of the minutes brought out some interesting data and showed plainly where Burgess Markle was on the job. Special meetings were held in the afternoon and the evening last month and finally it developed that an ordinance was prepared for the bond issue which carried an annual assessment of \$1,600. This was passed and put up to Burgess Markle who returned it with his veto stating that the taxation would be far in excess of the bond interest and the interest on the other indebtedness. He stated in his veto that the taxation should be levied by this ordinance would not be over \$12,000, which as the necessary amount would only be \$21,000 or thereabouts. He suggested instead that a tax of \$750 be levied for the years ending from 1911 to 1915 and that during 1916 a tax of \$1,800 for the bonds were cancelled be levied. In his veto he says:

"Whereas, return of the bond assessment instated, which is a heavy burden upon the people of this town, and

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Special to The Courier.  
MT. PLEASANT, Jan. 5.—To "dime novels" as described the downfall of Kenney Stewart, son of Rev. and Mrs. K. J. Stewart, who was arrested yesterday for robbing several businesses at various times. It was pilfering of a box of candy that led to his exposure. Detected in this theft, he broke into the home of Charles Strickler and stole \$5 to pay for the sweets.

Young Stewart was arrested yesterday on his way home from school. To the police he confessed that he stole was responsible for the theft and when arraigned before Justice of the Peace, S. J. Rhodes, he waived a hearing and gave bail for court, S. J. Stevenson, one of his victims, going on his bail.

The accused admitted the following thefts: Dr. W. L. Marsh, \$175; Charles Mechlun, \$420; Charles Stoner, \$7; Charles Strickler, \$5; and Mrs. Adam Rutt, \$3. He also secured a revolver at Mechlun's and a quart of wine at Stoner's. He admitted having made an attempt to rob the safe at Stevenson's real estate office on Main street.

Stewart is a member of the sophomore class of the local High School and enjoyed the friendship of his fellow scholars. He appears to have had a fondness for chess, literature, and he spent many waking hours pouring over "dime novels."

Information against Stewart was made by Constable Kearney and covers only one charge. It is possible that other informations covering the thefts Stewart admits may be made later. The entire matter has come as a great surprise to the community where the Stewarts are held in high esteem.

Rev. Stewart is chaplain of the State Senate and left for Harrisburg yesterday to attend the opening session of the General Assembly. He came to Mt. Pleasant a short time ago from Mt. Joy, Lancaster county.

IN NEW QUARTERS.  
Balsey Lumber Company Begins Business in New Store Room.

The new office and store room of the Balsey Lumber Company, New Haven, is now completed and the company is transacting business today in their new headquarters. The office is quite an improvement over the old one. It is erected on First street on the lot adjoining the Balsey residence and one of modern improvements. The office is in the front of the building and is finished in mahogany. There is also a private office fitted up in excellent style.

New Trial Refused.  
A new trial has been refused in the Mt. Pleasant bank case.

Largest Enrollment.  
The Indiana State Normal School has started on another term with the largest enrollment in its history.

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## SCOTSDALE TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

And Will Have Another Meeting on Tuesday Evening.

### SOME ORDINANCES WERE PASSED

Electric Sign One Went Through Fourth Avenue. Pending. One—Market Street. Pending. Mile Are Paid.

SCOTSDALE, Jan. 4.—The Town Council met in regular monthly session last evening until 9:30. They will meet again on Friday evening for a short session which will begin at 7 o'clock on account of the lecture by Richard Pearson Hobson, Congressman of Alabama, who appears in the Y. M. C. A. course, which several members wish to attend. There were present J. P. Barry, A. E. Collins, J. W. Fitzsimmons, J. C. Horne, H. G. Harris, O. B. Weaver, F. J. O'Connor and President A. P. Byrne. There was about half an hour of reading of minutes of previous meetings, which were approved and accepted. Several bills were ordered passed. It was also ordered that the bond coupons that come in at this season of the year be paid as presented to the banks.

The receipts were reported as follows:

N. L. K. Mine, for one pick, \$25; E. M. Stants, for Nov. and Dec. weighing fees, \$45.50; William Ferguson, Burgess, Jones and Lloyd, for November and December, \$28.65.

The Fire Department was before Council and reported their need of 25 gun coats and hats, and their excellent services for the Borough in the past two instant recognitions. The company has only 15 coats and hats now, and having 15 members need further equipment. The Fire and Water Committee was instructed to purchase the hats and coats and also to investigate the matter of a new spray nozzle. It was also reported that the alarm whistle on the mill had gone bad, since it was put up recently and had not given any alarm. It was the general opinion that the whistle has about worn out, and the Fire and Water Committee was instructed to investigate the cost of a new whistle. The present one is a five-inch bell one and the firemen believe that it is desirable to secure an eight-inch one. The whistle will be placed back on the mill for many years, it only being taken down during the rebuilding of the furnace. There will be a pressure of 150 pounds of steam and it is feared that the old whistle would not stand the pressure. There will be steam in the furnace boilers day and night and it is desired that a screaming whistle be bought that will waken everyone.

The garbage furnace question arose again last night, when W. L. Kelly appeared before Council and offered 10 acres of ground in the old ball park site at Swedeland for a site at a price of \$2,400, taking in exchange for part payment, the lot bought in the fourth ward recently, and about which there has been much complaint from citizens of that section. The matter was referred to the Sanitation and Garbage Committee.

The special committee appointed to interview the Citizens Water Company on the matter of putting service lines from the main to the curb at the expense of the citizens reported that it had interviewed the superintendent and that there was a disagreement on the conditions, the Water company holding that the property owner should pay for the piping to the curb. The superintendent of the company would not take any action without referring the matter to the company officers in Philadelphia.

The ordinance for the erection of electric signs was passed on third reading and finally without a dissenting voice. It provides that electric signs may be put up not less than eight feet above the sidewalk and not to extend over 18 inches out over the sidewalk. The signs are to be constructed of metal, and securely fastened to the buildings on which they are erected. No signs are to be placed over alleys and there is a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 for the violation of any of the provisions of the ordinance.

Treasurer C. H. Richer made the following report of the financial condition of the borough:

Borough fund	\$54,633.22
By warrants paid	\$42,080.25
By balance	11,552.97
Banking fund	\$18,527.37
By warrants paid	\$5,821.50
By balance	7,966.87
Water fund	\$4,151.00
By warrants paid	\$1,582.50
By balance	2,568.50
Firemen's fund	\$714.88
By balance	714.88
Feeling fund	\$20,876.71
By warrants paid	\$1,332.50
By balance	\$19,544.21

Tax Collector S. B. McMillan reported collecting from October 8 to December 31, as follows:

Total tax collected	\$1,100.74
By per cent. col-	
lector's commission	\$55.04
By cash	1,045.70
Slacker, Treasurer	1,045.70

## ALASKA FAIR EXHIBIT.

Reproduction of Pioneer Home Life in the Northwest.

Miss Meeker, planner of the exhibit, who in 1922 drove an ox team to the fair grounds over the Oregon trail, will give an exact reproduction of home life during the early history of the northwest on the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in Seattle next year.

Five cabins will be erected on the fair site without the use of lumber or nails and each will be built at convenient places on Meeker's acre on the exposition grounds. A vegetable garden will be planted and by next spring there will be a flourishing pioneer colony on the campus of the state university.

A part of this exhibit will be an old Mooshoon built in 1825 which will stand at Cosperville, says the Seattle Times. There is to be a reproduction of the schoolhouse of fifty years ago, and John V. Meeker, eighty-four years old and known as "Duke Jones," was the first teacher in the school of the building. In early days John Meeker taught school, and many of the text books of that period have been preserved by the Meekers.

Miss Meeker will try to interest the newspapers of Oregon in his pioneer exhibit and hopes to receive many relics of early days from old Oregonians. These relics will be exhibited in the cabins and at the close of the exposition returned to their owners. In the cabin will be shown how cloth was spun and woven, and several old time spinning wheels and looms will be in operation.

One cabin will be called the music hall, where several old instruments will be used. These instruments were among the first to be taken to this coast.

In early days the Oregon country comprised the vast territory of what are now the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and a part of Wyoming and Montana. From all these states will come relics of early pioneer life for the Meeker exhibit.

Meeker plans a number of special features during the life of the exposition, and every few weeks there will be a big barbecue in which exposition visitors will be asked to take part. There will also be chicken races, and Meeker expects to serve thousands of potatoes baked in the ash pits. Oats will be roasted for the benefit of the visitors, and it is possible that many pioneers from the old Oregon country will be in attendance to participate in the special days planned by Meeker. It was the plan of the committee to have a special day for the exhibit, and to have a special day for the exhibit, and to have a special day for the exhibit.

Over all the cabins will fly the American flag containing any twenty stars, the number of stars in the Union at that period of the country's history.

Meeker has been given a location just south of the music pavilion, and he expects to commence the task of building the cabins within a very few weeks. About the cabins will be planted flowers, and in one part will be a garden. The exhibit will be exhibited in one portion of the acre set aside as a pioneer stockyard.

What's Wrong on the Farm? The government commission, which is investigating the condition of the farmers has elicited statements from more than 100 in the middle west, says Charles Dillon, writing in Harper's Weekly. Everywhere practically the same story was heard. The boys and girls are leaving the farms, and are putting in new ideas of farming, and a representative farmer. "They want all sorts of labor saving machinery; they want books and papers; they want to quit work at sunset or sooner; they want to go to town every day. We either have to give them what they want or they leave." The telephone, rural free mail delivery and other innovations have done much to improve farm life conditions, but until the farmer runs his business on up to date lines with the hours obtaining in other occupations the exodus will continue to the conclusion arrived at.

Talk's Turn to Box/News. To the jovial rivalry between President Roosevelt and President Elect Taft over the football prowess of Harvard and Yale was added a new chapter the other day. The president-elect had just returned from riding with his brother, Henry W. Taft, and Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, both of whom reached Hot Springs, Va., recently.

"How did the game come out?" he asked.

"Four to nothing, and all for Harvard."

"Oh, yawn!" and then, with a laugh, "I'll just have to send the president a little congratulation by wire, but Yale won last year."

SPRING BREEZES.

Show winds of March in your trade. I truly give you my consent. You'd do it anyway.

File up the rubbers in the yard. Set all the shrubs a-kew. And then, the shrubs done much to improve farm life conditions, but until the farmer runs his business on up to date lines with the hours obtaining in other occupations the exodus will continue to the conclusion arrived at.

Send your hasty grocer boy. Get your mail in the din. That man, that fat old grinning. The language may scorch.

Try to restrain your merry mood. When ladies walk along. Should you their shapely ankles show. That would be very wrong.

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## The News of Nearby Towns.

### DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Jan. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Guyton of Conneltsville were here on Sunday the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith on Speers Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Harts of Lebanon, Pa., were here Sunday the guests of friends here the guest of friends.

Samuel Douds left Sunday evening for Philadelphia, where he will enter the medical institute after spending the holidays here the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Douds of Conneltsville street.

Miss Jane Miller of Conneltsville, Pa., was here Sunday evening the guest of friends.

W. L. Kennedy of Uniontown was in town Monday the guest of friends.

George W. Harts, who is a student at the Allegheny College at Meadville, left Sunday evening to resume his studies at the college.

The guests of the sisters, Misses Ella and Jean W. Harts of Railroad street, from Railroad street, left Sunday morning for Railroad street.

Dr. E. R. Rappely of Uniontown was in town Monday the guest of friends.

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## CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Pa., Jan. 4.—Andy Pannegans, "Newling" Bowling, two prominent residents of this town, were here on business a short time Monday. Miss Helen McCarty, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCarty, of Conneltsville, returned to her home in Farmington, Sunday evening.

Robert H. Harts, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harts, of Conneltsville, returned to his home in Farmington, Sunday evening.

The W. C. Smith Society will meet this evening at the home of Mrs. Harts on Harts street. All the members are urged to be present as a special business session will be held.

Prof. W. Harts, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harts, of Conneltsville, returned to his home in Farmington, Sunday evening.

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Mrs. Gertrude Pyle, who for the past several days has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Harts of North street, returned to her home at Conneltsville this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harts, who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harts, of Conneltsville, returned to their home in Farmington, Sunday evening.

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# The Round-Up

A Romance  
of Arizona

Novelized From Edmund Day's Melodrama  
By JOHN MURRAY AND MILLS MILLER

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"Taking another burning stick from the fire, he applied it to the soles of his victim's feet. Lane writhed and groined under the excruciating torture, but uttered no word or cry. McKee brought other brands and began piling them about his captive's feet.

In the meantime the sabnaro had caught fire at the top and was burning down through the interior. A thin column of smoke rose straight above it in the still air. The flames in the valley below, who had reached the beginning of the ascending trail and were on the point of giving up the pursuit, saw the smoke and inferred that the Apaches, either through overconfidence or because of their superstitious fear of the mountains, which they supposed inhabited by spirits, had camped on the edge of the valley and were signaling to their other party. Accordingly the Mexicans renewed the chase with increased vigor.

As McKee bent over his captive's feet, piling against them the burning ends of the sticks, the full-onset of the sabnaro, incited by the fire above, struggled free from the imploding thorax by a desperate effort and dropped on the back of the half breed.



Lane writhed and groined.

struck his hands into his eyes, McKee, springing up with a snarl that scattered the sticks he was piling, tore the reptile loose, buried it upon the ground and stamped it into the earth. Then he picked up one of the brands and with it cauterized the wound. All the while he was cursing violently the snake, his own hand, and Dick Lane, who was now lying in a dead faint caused by the torture.

"Curse such a prospect! Not a drop of whisky in this outfit! I'd slit his tongue for him if he weren't already dead for. I must keep moving, moving, or I'm a dead man. I must hustle along to the mountains, I must! Up these hills I'll find yagua to cure snake bite that any 'Chiricahua' grandfather showed me. The rascals will have to get the other packs, but some day I'll come back after Lane's cache."

A half hour later the Mexican guards appeared upon the scene and noticed Lane's unconscious form from the sabnaro, which the fire had consumed to within a foot of his bowed head. They dragged his face and back and bathed his forehead with the contents of their canteens and brought him back to life, but, alas, not to reason.

Six months later there slipped out of Chihuahua hospital a discharged patient, weary, weak, crook backed, with drawn features and hair and beard streaked with gray. It was Dick Lane, restored to his old physical strength, far as the distortion of his spine caused by his tortures permitted, and to the full possession of his mental faculties. He mounted one of the untamed ponies and rode off with the proceeds of the sales of the others in his pocket to purchase provisions for a return to his prospecting.

Before plunging into the wilderness he wrote a letter:

Chihuahua, Mexico.  
Mr. John Payson, Sweetwater Ranch, Florence, Ariz., I. S. A.  
Dear Jack—I have been sick and out of my head in the last few months for the last six months. Just about the time you all were expecting me home I had a run in with the Apaches. And who do you think was with them? McKee, the half breed that I ran off the range two years ago for tampering with me. I had done for all the real men, but McKee, the half breed, took me to write. I rather think McKee has made off with the gold I had cached just before I left. I'm going back to see, and if he did it I'll hunt around to find a buyer for one of my mules. I don't want to sell my big mule, Jack. I tell you I struck it rich. But that story can wait till I get back. Your love can't, though, so expect to receive \$2000 by express some time before I put in an appearance. I hope you got the mortgage renewed at the end of the year. If my failure to show up then has caused you trouble, you'll forgive me, old fellow. I know, under the circumstances, I'll make it up to you. I owe you everything. You're the best friend I ever had. That's why I'm writing to you instead of to Uncle Jim, for I want you to do me another friendly service. Just break it gently to Echo Allen that I'm alive and well, though I'm pretty badly damaged by that snakebite McKee, and tell her that it wasn't my fault I wasn't home on the day I promised. She'll forgive me. I know, and be patient awhile longer. It's all for her, you know, and well. Give her the letter I believe your old bunkie,  
DICK LANE.

## CHAPTER II.

JIM ALLEN was the sole owner and proprietor of Allen Hacienda. His ranch, the Bar One, stretched for miles up and down the Sweetwater valley. Bounded on the east and west by the foothills, the land was one of the garden spots of Arizona. Southward lay the Sweetwater ranch, owned by Jack Payson. Northward was the home ranch of the Lazy K, an Indian-owned outfit, over

at petty war with the other settlers in the district. It was a miscellaneous and constantly changing crowd recruited from rustlers from Wyoming, gamblers from California, half breed outlaws from the Indian Territory—in short, "bad men" from every section of the western country. They had a special grudge against Allen and Payson, whom they held to be accountable for the sudden disappearance about a year before of their leader, Buck McKee, a half breed from the Cherokee strip. However, no other leader had arisen equal to that masterful spirit, and their enmity expressed itself only in such petty depredations as changing brands on stray cattle from the Bar One and Sweetwater ranches and the sitting of the tongues of young calves so that these would be unable to feed properly and as a result be discovered by their mothers, whereupon the Lazy K outfit would slap its brand on them as marauders.

Allen was a Kentuckian who had served in the Confederate army as one of Morgan's raiders and so had received by popular brevet the title of colonel. At the close of the war he had come to Arizona with his young wife, Josephine, and had founded a home on the Sweetwater. He was now one of the cattle barons of the great southwest. Prosperity had not spoiled him. Careless in his attire, cordial in his manner, he was a man who was loved and respected by his men from the newest tenderfoot to the veteran of the bunk house. His wife, however, was not so highly regarded, for she had never been able to recognize changes in time or location and so was in perpetual conflict with her environment. She attempted to make the first and independent cowboys of the Arizona outfit "savage manner" like the house servants of the Kentucky blue grass, and she persisted in the effort to manage her husband by the feminine artifice of weeping. In the days of her youth and beauty this had been very effective, but now that these had passed it was productive only of good humored raillery from him and mirth from the bystanders.

"No wonder Jim has the finest ranch in Arizona," the cowboys were wont to say, "with Josephine a frigate!" It all the time.

Allen Hacienda was certainly a garden spot in that desert country. The building was of the old Mexican style, an adobe structure found by centuries of experience to be suited best to the climate and the materials of the land. The house was only one story in height. The rooms and outbuildings sprawled over a wide expanse of ground. The walls were of native stone and adobe clay. Over them clambered grapevines. In front of the house Mrs. Allen had planted a garden. A "dole" wall cut off the house from the corral and the bunk house. A heavy girder spanned the distance from the low roof to the top of the barrier, lattice-work supporting a grapevine furnished with a girder, a gateway through which one could catch from the piazza a view of a second cultivated plot. Palms and flowering cactuses added color and life to the near prospect. Through the arched gateway of the Tortilla mountains, far in the distance, could be seen the Sweetwater, its path across the plains outlined by the trees fringing its banks, flowed past the ranch. Yucca palms and sahuaros threw a scanty shade over the garden.

Shortly after the arrival of the Allen in Arizona they were blessed with a daughter, the first white child born in that region. They waited for a Presbyterian clergyman to come along before christening her, and as such visits were few and far between the child was beginning to talk before she received a name. From a "cunning" habit she had of repeating the last words of questions put to her her father provisionally dubbed her Echo, which name, when the preacher came, he insisted upon her retaining.

As Echo grew older, in order that she might have a companion, Colonel Allen went to Kentucky and brought back with him a little orphan girl who was a distant relative of his wife. Polly Hope her name was, and Polly Hope she insisted on remaining, although the Allen would gladly have adopted her.

Colonel Allen trained the girls in all the craft of the plains just as if they were boys. He taught them to ride astride, to shoot, to rope cattle. They accompanied him everywhere he went, centering on branches by the side of his Kentucky thoroughbred. Merry, dark eyed, black haired Echo always rode upon the off side and sunny Polly, with golden curls, blue eyes and tip tilted nose, upon the near. The ex-Confederate soldier dubbed them in military style his "right and left wings." As the three would "make a raid" upon Florence, the county town, the inhabitants did not need to look out of doors to ascertain who were coming, for the meritment of the little girls gave sufficient indication. "Here comes Jim Allen riding like the devil!" "Here comes Jim Allen riding like the devil!" "Here comes Jim Allen riding like the devil!" "Here comes Jim Allen riding like the devil!"

The household was again increased a few years later by the generous response of the Allen to an appeal from a children's aid society in an eastern city to give a home to two orphaned brothers, Richard and Henry Lane.

Dick and Buddy (shortened in time to Bud), as they were called, being taken young, quickly adapted themselves to their new environment and by the time they arrived at manhood had proved themselves the equals of any cowboy on the range in horsemanship and kindred accomplishments. Dick, the elder brother, was a steady, reliable fellow, modest as he was brave and remarkably quick-witted and resourceful in emergencies. He gave his confidence over readily to his fellows, but if ever he found himself deceived withdrew it absolutely. It was probably this last characteristic that attracted to him Echo Allen's especial regard, for it was also her distinguishing trait. "You have got to not square with Echo," her father was wont to say, "for if you don't you'll never make it square with her afterward."

Bud was a generous hearted, impetuous boy, who responded warmly to affection. He repaid his elder brother's protecting care with a loyalty that knew no bounds. The colonel, who was a strict disciplinarian, frequently punished him in his boyhood for wayward acts, and the little fellow made no resistance—only sobbed in deep penitence. Once, however, when Uncle Jim, as the boys and Polly called him, felt compelled to answer the cry to Dick—unjustly, as it afterward appeared—Bud burst into a tempest of passionate tears and, leaping upon the colonel's back, clinging there, clamping and striking like a wildcat, until Allen was forced to let Dick go. It is shrewdly indicative of the colonel's character that not only did he refrain from punishing Bud on that occasion, but when his feelings were subsequently due the little fellow laid on the red less heavily out of regard for the loyalty to his brother he had then displayed.

This attack also won the admiration of Polly Hope, who was something of a spirit herself. A little jealous of Dick for the chief place he held in Bud's affection, she openly claimed the younger brother as her sweetheart and attempted to constitute him her knight, though with repeated discouragements, for Bud was a bashful lad, and though he had a true affection for the girl, he could not bring himself to show of rude indifference.

The tender relations of these boys and girls persisted naturally into young manhood and womanhood. No word of love passed between Dick and Echo until that time when the "nesting impulse," the desire to have a home of his own, prompted the young man to go out into the world and win his fortune. For a year he had acted as a foreman of the Allen ranch, working in neighborhood cooperation with Jack Payson of Sweetwater ranch, a man of about his own age. The two young men became the closest of comrades. When the fever of adventure seized upon Lane and he became dissatisfied with the plodding career of a wage earner, Payson insisted on mortgaging Sweetwater ranch for \$3,000 and in lending Dick the money for a year's prospecting in the mountains of Sonora, Mexico, in search of a fabulously rich "lost mine of the Aztecs."

Traditions of lost mines are plentiful in Arizona and northern Mexico. First taken up by the Spanish invaders of 300 years ago from the native Indians, they have passed down to such subsequent influx of white men. The directions are always vague. The inquirer cannot pin his information down to any definite data. Over the mountains, ways lie the road, hundreds of lives have been sacrificed and cruelly unparoled practiced upon innocent men, women and children by gold seekers in their lust for conquest. Prosperous Indian villages have been laid waste, and whole bands of adventurers have gone into the desert in search of these mines, never to return.

When the time for Lane's departure came Echo wept at the thought of losing for so long a time the close companionship of her childhood and the sympathetic confidence of her youthful thoughts and aspirations. Dick, in whom friendship for Echo had long before ripened into conscious love, took her tears as evidence that she was still affected toward him, and he allowed his suppressed passion of his nature full vent in a declaration of love. The girl was deeply moved by this revelation of the heart of a strong man made tender as a woman's by a power centering in her own humble self, and, being utterly without experience of the emotion even in its protective form of self love, which is the varioloid of the genuine affection, she laughed through sheer sympathy that she shared his passion. So she assented with maidenly reserve to his plea that she promise to marry him when he should return and provide a home for her. Her more cautious mother secured a modification of this pledge by "tinting the time that Echo should wait for him to one year. If at the expiration of that period Lane did not return to claim her promise or did not write nothing satisfactory arrangements for continuance of the engagement Echo was to be considered free to marry whom she chose.

Soon after Lane's departure Mrs. Allen perceived the colorless and Echo sent to a New England finishing school for girls, where her mother hoped that her budding love for Lane might be allayed by the frigid atmosphere of intellectual culture. If not, indeed, supplanted by a saving interest in young men in general and perhaps

in some particular action of a more blooded Boston family.

The plan succeeded in part only. The companionship of her schoolfellows, her music and art lessons, her books (during the limited periods allotted to serious study and reading) and, above all, her attraction at receptions with another order of men than that she had known in the rough, uncultured west occupied her mind so fully that poor Dick Lane, who was putting a thought of Echo Allen in every blow of his pick, received only the scraps of her attention.

Dick had few opportunities to mail a letter and none of them for receiving one. Unpracticed in writing, his epistolary compositions were crude in the extreme, being wholly confined to bald statements of fact. Had he been as tender on paper as he was in his words and accents when he kissed away his tears at parting, his regard for him would have had fuel to feed on and might have kindled into genuine love. As it was, she was forced to admit that in comparison with the brilliant university men with whom she conversed Dick Lane intellectually was as quartz to diamond.

On the other hand, she contrasted Dick in the essential point of manliness most favorably with the male butterflies of society that hovered



"I can't hear to see you go."

around her. What one of them was so essentially chivalrous as the western man—so modest, so self-sacrificing, so brave and resolute and resourceful? Dick Lane, or Jack Payson, for that matter, in all save the adventitious points of education and culture was the higher type of manhood, and Jack, at least, if not poor Dick, could hold his own in mental and athletic precedence with the brightest, most cultured of Harvard graduates.

At the end of the year she came back home to await Dick's return from the wilds of Mexico. There was great anxiety about his safety, for Gerónimo, attacked by Crook in the Apache stronghold of the Tonio basin, had escaped to the mountains of northwestern Mexico with his band of fierce Chiricahua.

Now, Dick Lane had not been heard from in this region. When he neither made appearance nor sent a message upon the day appointed for his return, his brother, Bud, was for setting out instantly to find him and rescue him if he were in difficulties. Then it was that Echo Allen discovered the true nature of her affection for her lover—that it was sterner than she had realized, for it was not only a matter of duty, but it was a matter of life and death. She joined with Dick in opposing Bud's going, urging his recklessness as a reason. "You are certain to be killed," she said, "and I cannot lose you both." Jack Payson, for whom Bud was working, then came forward and offered to accompany him and keep within bounds. Again there was a revelation of her heart to Echo, one that rivaled her with a sense of duty. It was Jack who really loved, noble, chivalric, wonderful Jack Payson, whom, with a southern girl's intensity of feeling, she had unconsciously come to regard as her standard of all that makes for manhood. Plausible objections could not be urged against his sacrificing himself for his friend. With an irresistible impulse she had leaped upon his breast and said, "I cannot bear to see you go."

Payson gently disengaged her arms. "I must, Echo. It is what Dick would do for me if I were in his place."

However, while Payson and Bud were preparing for their departure, Dick Lane appeared in the region and reported that Dick Lane had been killed by the Apaches. He told with convincing details how he had met Lane as each was returning from a successful prospecting trip in the Ghost range and how they had sunk their differences in standing together against an attack of the Indians. He extolled Dick's bravery, relating how, severely wounded, he had stood off the savages to enable himself to escape. When he banded over Dick's watch to Echo, for he had learned on his return that she was betrothed to Lane—as a last token from her lover, no doubt remained in the minds of his hearers of the truth of his story, and Payson and Bud Lane gave up their supposed expedition.

The owner of Sweetwater ranch, while accepting McKee's account, could not wholly forget the half breed's former evil reputation and was reserved in his reception of the advances of the excitable, who was anxious to carry favor. Warm-hearted, impulsive Bud, however, whose fraternal loyalty had increased under his

## "Bad Blood"

shows itself in a muddy complexion, pimples, blurred eyesight, loss of weight, and general debility. "Bad blood" is impoverished blood—too poor and thin to furnish nourishment to the flesh, nerves and vital organs.

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hereabout to the supreme passion of life, took the insulating half breed into the aching vacancy made by his brother's death. The two became boon companions, to the great detriment of the younger man's morals. McKee had plenty of money, which he spent liberally, gambling and carousing in company with Bud. Polly was wild with indignation at her sweetheart's desertion and savagely upbraided him for his conduct whenever they met, which, as may be inferred, grew less and less frequently. In revenge she made advances to another man who had long "loved her from afar."

This was William Henry Harrison Hoover, sheriff of the county, known as "Slim" Hoover by the humorous propensity of men on the range to give nicknames on the principle of contraries, for he was the fattest man in Platte county. Slim was one of those fleshy men who have nerves of steel and muscles of iron. A round, boyish face, twinkling blue eyes and flaming red hair gave him an appearance of innocence entirely at variance with his personality. A vein of sentiment made him all the more lovable. His associates—ranchmen, men of the plains, soldiers and the owners and frequenters of the frontier barroom—respected him greatly.

"He's square as Slim" was the best recommendation ever given of a man in that region.

Platte county settlers had made Slim sheriff term after term because he was the one citizen supremely fitted for the place. He had ridden the range and "busted" bronchos before a election. After it he hunted wrongdoers. Right was right and wrong was wrong to him. There was no shading in the meaning. All he asked of men was to "ride fast, shoot straight and deal squarely in any game. He admitted that murder, horse stealing and branding another man's calves were subjects for the unwritten law. But in his code this law meant death only after a fair trial, with neighbors for a jury. He was not scrupulous that a judge should be present. His duties were ended when he brought in his prisoner.

Hoover's rule had been marked by the taking of bad men in Florence and a true declaration in the guerrilla warfare between the cattlemen and the sheepmen on the range. Slim's seemingly superfluous flesh was really of great advantage to him. It served as a mask for his remarkable athletic abilities and so lulled the outlaws with whom he had to deal into a false sense of superiority and security.

Show and lethargy in his ordinary movements, in an emergency he was quick as a panther, never failing to get the drop on his man.

Furthermore, his fat exerted a beneficial influence on his character in keeping him humble minded. Being the most popular man in the county, he would probably have been swollen with vanity had there been any space left vacant for it in his huge frame. He was especially admired by the women, but was at ease only in the company of those who were married. It was his fate to see the few girls of the region, with every one of whom by turns he was in love, grow up to marry each some less different wretch.

"Dangston take it!" he used to say. "I don't get up enough spunk to cut a better out of the herd until somebody else has roped her and slapped his brand on her. Talk about too many licks in the first! Why, I've only got one, an' it's hot up red all the time until for the right chance to use it, but somehow I never get it out of the coils. What's the use, anyhow? Nobody loves a fat man."

Slim was inordinately pulled up by Polly's preference for him, which she showed by all sorts of feminine tyrannies, and he was forced continually to slap his huge paunch to remind himself of what he considered his disabling deformity. "Miss Polly," he would apostrophize the absent lady, "you don't know what a volcano of seething fiery love this here mountain of flesh is that you're walkin' over. Some day I'll erupt an' I'll eternally engulf you if you don't look out!"

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Last Daughter of Revolution Dead.  
—Helen, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Harriet Estos, who is said to have been the only surviving daughter of the revolution, is dead here, age eighty-seven.

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## MRS. ERB ADMITS LOSS OF NERVE.

Says Husband's Abuse Had  
Completely Cowed  
Her.

## MRS. BEISEL ON STAND TODAY

She Tells of Many Domestic Quarrels  
at Red Gables and Declares Cap-  
tain Erb Treated His Wife With  
the Utmost Cruelty.

Media, Pa., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Katherine Beisel, sister of Mrs. J. Clayton Erb, is on the witness stand today telling her story of the killing of Captain Erb at the Erb home, Red Gables, in Delaware county.

Mrs. Beisel gave a recital of the family quarrels that led up to the shooting. She declared Captain Erb was guilty of extreme brutality and that he let his anger fall upon either she or Mrs. Erb if they ventured to oppose or criticize him.

Once, Mrs. Beisel said, when she asked Captain Erb why he did not want her to visit her sister, he replied: "If I want any beggars around here." When Mrs. Erb remonstrated with him for giving vent to such utterances he choked her into almost insensibility.

Mrs. Erb, recalled to the stand for cross-examination, for several hours parried with District Attorney McDade, who used every trick at his command to trap her into contradicting herself and break down her story. Centering his attack upon the widow's account of the events on the night of the tragedy, Mr. McDade faced the witness and demanded:

"Mrs. Erb, you are charged here with the murder of your husband. Do you fully realize that?"

With face flushed and eyes fixed steadfastly on those of the attorney, the witness leaned forward in her chair with apparent calmness and replied: "I fully realize it."

That she had permitted her sister to battle single-handed with her angry husband, the witness declared, was due to the fact that she was afraid of him—that she had been made a coward by his abuse. Effort was made to wring from the witness admissions that she had associated with several men and that they had visited her home during the absence of Captain Erb, but the efforts of the district attorney met with little success. The witness was permitted to leave the stand after the district attorney in a tone of withering sarcasm asked: "And so you lost your nerve, you a skilled hunter and herowoman, you lost your nerve for once?"

Unaffected by his tone, Mrs. Erb calmly replied: "I did."

Following the accused widow as a witness Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, a housekeeper at Red Gables; Sarah Hogan, a maid; Blanche Dickerson, a colored servant; Emma Jackson, a waitress, and other servants were called to corroborate Mrs. Erb's stories of brutal treatment at the hands of her husband, and much was brought out to strengthen her story.

## CASTRO OPERATED ON

Ex-while Venezuelan President in Serious Condition.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Former President Castro of Venezuela was operated upon in this city by Dr. Israel, the German specialist, for the kidney complaint with which he is suffering.

The present operation was regarded as so dangerous that before submitting to it Castro caused the following statement to be given out:

"I can only express satisfaction that this operation is to be performed so that the whole world may know I did not come to Germany in order to shirk responsibility and much less because I hesitated for a single moment what was going to happen in Venezuela during my absence."

It is understood that Castro came through the operation fairly well and he is doing as well as could be expected.

## \$2,500 PRIZE UNCLAIMED

No Remedy For Pollution of Streams by Paper Mills, It Is Said.

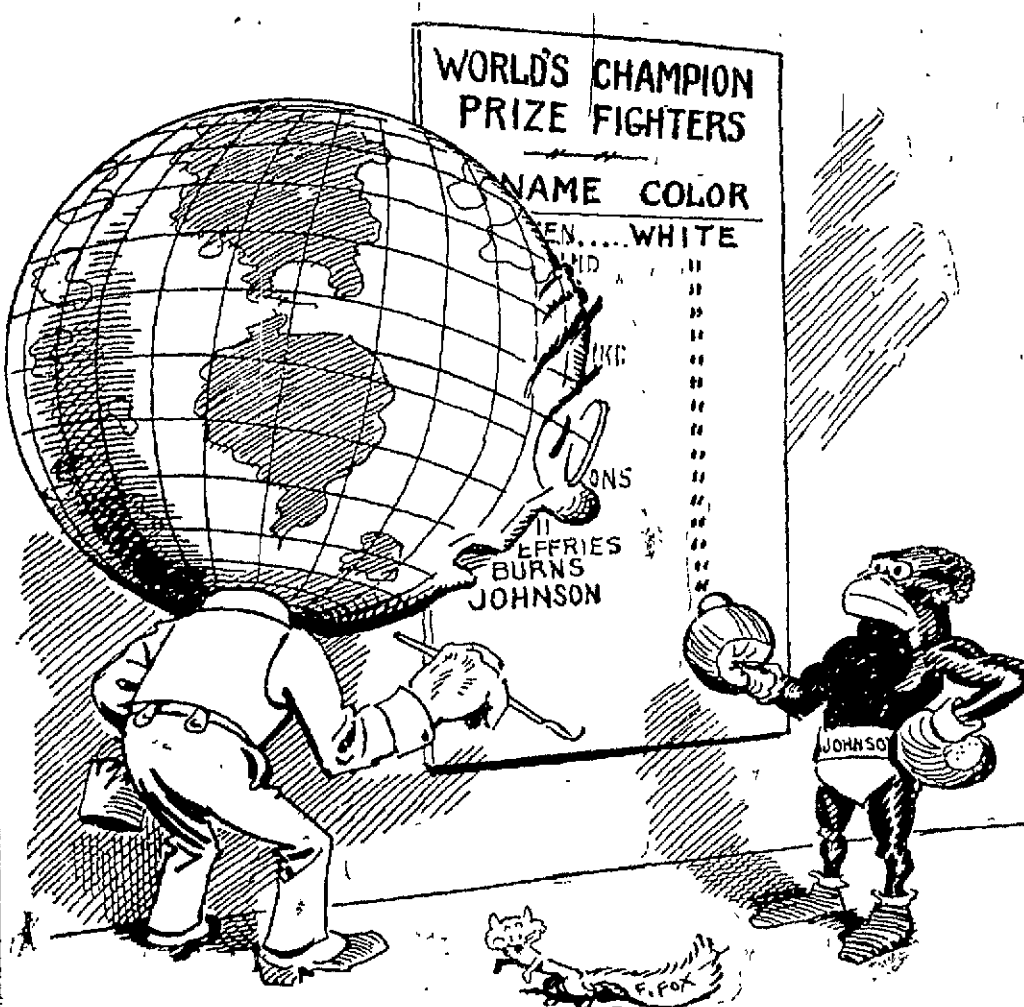
Washington, Jan. 25.—In spite of the fact that in 1894 a prize of \$2,500 was offered in Germany for the best method of preventing the pollution of streams by sulphite liquor discharges from paper pulp mills, no one so far has come forward with a process which will solve the problem. The money still awaits a rightful claimant.

In a bulletin issued by the United States geological survey it is stated that more than three billion gallons of this sulphite is discharged into the streams of this country every year. Scores of processes for utilizing or purifying waste, it is stated, have been patented in Germany, England and the United States, but none of them has been sufficiently successful to diminish the stream pollution.

## HAINS ON THE STAND

Defendant in Murder Trial Continues His Testimony Today.

Washington, N. T., Jan. 25.—Thornton J. Hains, the murderer on the witness stand today told the story of the killing of William E. Austin by his brother, Captain Peter O. Hains. The defendant, who is charged with complicity in the killing, upon the completion of his



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direct testimony, was turned over to District Attorney Darrin for cross-examination.

The defendant declared that when he went to Buyside to look at real estate on Aug. 13 he had no idea that his brother was armed and that he did not know that Austin was at the yacht club. He told the jury that all the shots had been fired by Captain Hains before he rushed to the front to protect his brother from John Touning, the boatman, and the club members, whom he thought would harm the captain. Thornton Hains denied that he pointed a revolver at Mrs. Austin. The defendant stated that he had no idea how many shots Captain Hains had fired, and when Charles Roberts, a club member, picked the revolver up and the muzzle of the weapon pointed at him he drew his own gun and told Roberts not to shoot.

## SUBMIT ARGUMENTS TODAY

Night Rider Murder Trial Reaches the Summing-Up Stage.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 25.—Both sides, having finished presenting testimony in the case of eight alleged night riders on trial for the murder of Captain Quentin Hamilton the arguments began this morning.

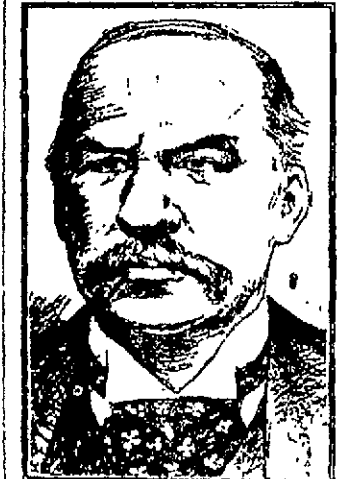
The illness of Juror Rowson is causing considerable uneasiness. Should he become too ill to finish the case a mistrial would result, as the Tennessee laws do not permit the waiving of a single juror. Judge Jones declares that if necessary he will finish the case at the sick man's bedside rather than declare a mistrial.

## GERMAN ART EXHIBIT FORMALLY OPENED.

Count Bernstorff and J. P. Morgan Welcome Visitors Among the Artists of Germany.

New York, Jan. 25.—Marking the beginning of a movement likely to have far-reaching effects on the art relations of Germany and America, the German art exhibition in the new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art was formally opened last night.

Fully 6,000 persons representing the diplomatic, political, social and artistic worlds attended, greeted by a com-



J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

mittee which included J. Pierpont Morgan, president of the Metropolitan Museum, and Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Between Emperor William and the committee having in charge the exhibition here congratulatory messages

## RINEHART FACES JURY

Waynesburg Bank Cashier on Trial in Federal Court at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 25.—Efforts of counsel for J. B. F. Rinehart to have his trial delayed have failed, and the former cashier and vice president of the defunct Farmers and Drivers' National Bank of Waynesburg, was arraigned before Judge James E. Young in the United States district court.

In a short time the jury, which will pass judgment on Rinehart, who is being tried on only 30 of the 120 counts against him, was chosen from a special panel consisting of forty-eight men.

The jury is composed of William J. Flinn, secretary of the board of education, Erie, Pa.; W. P. McElroy, ex-deputy sheriff, Clearfield, Pa.; M. T. Taylor, real estate dealer, Pittsburgh; James H. Rankin, broker, Pittsburgh; John C. Dittworth, manufacturer, Pittsburgh; Frank L. Bolton, merchant, McKeesport; W. E. Robinson, oil producer, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Samuel A. Duncan, hotel manager, Cambridge Springs; J. J. Cunningham, justice of the peace, Hollidaysburg; Joseph M. McElroy, oil dealer, Bradford; A. Lee Fleck, director of the poor, Hollidaysburg.

## DR. SNADER KILLED

Well-Known Philadelphian Goes Into Ravine With Auto.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—Dr. Edward R. Snader, a physician, and his negro chauffeur, John A. Badley, lost their lives when an automobile in which they were riding plunged over a forty-foot embankment in Fairmount park.

The car, driven by Badley, became unmanageable and demolished a three-foot stone wall which guarded a steep ravine.

Dr. Snader was dead when rescuers reached the car and the chauffeur was so badly injured that he died in a hospital.

## HAVE SOME WOODS LEFT

One-Fourth of Entire Country, Experts Say, Is Forest.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The country's forests now cover 559,000,000 acres, or one-fourth of the total area of the United States, according to data compiled by forest service agents.

Forests owned by the government cover one-fourth of the total area and contain one-fifth of the timber now standing. Forests privately owned extend over three-fourths of the total forest area. Conservative lumbering is practiced upon 70 per cent of the forests publicly owned and on less than 1 per cent of the forests privately owned.

## THAW CASE UP AGAIN

Mother Obtains Writ of Habeas Corpus From Nyack Justice.

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 25.—A third attempt to free Harry K. Thaw from the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane was begun before Justice Tompkins in the supreme court here.

Justice Tompkins, on motion of counsel for Mrs. William Thaw, granted a writ of habeas corpus compelling the asylum authorities to produce Thaw before that justice in Nyack on Saturday next. Mrs. Thaw claimed that her son was not legally committed to the asylum, that he is not a criminal, having been acquitted by a jury, and that he is now sane.

## AT THE SOISSON.

Married for Money.

"Married for Money," or "The Old Wife and the New," which will be seen at the Soisson Theatre tonight is said to be a severe arraignment of certain phases of life among a social set who have suddenly acquired great wealth, and the story cannot fail to interest thinking men and women who have observed the tendency among certain of our well-to-do lightly regard the sacredness of the marriage vow and the sanctity of the home. The production is under the direction of Clay T. Vaneer and a strong presenting company and an adequate costume and scenic environment is promised. Seats on sale at a theatre.

"Billy, the Kid," as will be seen here this season is the same as originally staged by Chas. H. Wenzel and every detail and property will be carried complete.

The story is one of fascinating interest and is the master work of its author, Walter Woods and Joseph Santley.

The Soisson basketball team of the Y. M. C. A. will have for their opponent the strong Mt. Pleasant team on Thursday night, January 7. Last year this team defeated the locals by a large score and had a comparatively easy time of it. This season the locals are playing a high class game and they will try hard to wipe out last year's defeat. So far this season the Y. M. C. A. team has won four out of five. Captain Thomas will have his strongest lineup, Martin and Munroe forwards; Withers and Prosch, centers; Thomas, Buckman and Wagner, guards.

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